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K9KR HONORED AT 2007 AWARDS DINNER

By Phil Gural, W9NAW

WARAC's Annual Awards Dinner was held on October 28th at the Machine Shed Restaurant. The evening started at 5:00 PM with a QSO hour and dinner followed about an hour later.

After dinner, which included a special hot fudge ice cream desert, both Phil, W9NAW, and Bob, KC9AGX shared the emcee duties. Phil began by acknowledging our guest speaker, Bill Howe, KA9WRL, the current WARAC Officers and Board as well as an outline of the evening's events.

Phil then introduced the guest speaker, Bill Howe. Bill's TV production career spans many years, beginning at WSAU in Wausau in the early 1960's. He provided stories about some interesting goofs/mistakes from early TV commercials and the long hours that was required just to make a 15 second spot.

He admitted that sometimes the goofs were better than the original written scripts. The computers of today have drastically reduced the time element, but the idea and effects is still a work of the director.

Bill also showed us some of his award winning commercials, including ones for Porta-John, Arrow Olds, McCoy, and the model train show at the Mitchell Domes. He ended the presentation by answering questions from club members. Needless to say, this presentation provided insight to the work of the commercial production team.

The presentation was followed with the Year in Review. Phil, W9NAW, talked about the January Swapfest results; Lynn, K9KR, discussed 2007 Wisconsin QSO Party results and challenged WARAC members to increase participation in the 2008 contest.

Tom, K9BTQ, discussed the FD score by individual band results and the effects of the low sun spots.

Howard, WA9AXQ, introduced our 2007 scholarship winner, Peter Johnson, AB9PJ, as well as introducing the 2008 WARAC Officers and Board.

Wrapping up the review was Chuck, WB9PUB, who talked about how easy it is to operate the 10M contest and presented participation certificates to club members.

Presented next was the "years of membership" awards by Bob to the following members: Ten years-Mike Wagner, N9ESC; fifteen years-Tim Schumann, KB9HJN, and thirty years-Bob Scrip, WD9ANY.

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Check us out on the web at http://www.bsss.org



WEST ALLIS RADIO AMATEUR CLUB
Member of the Year

Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR, accepts his Award
presented by Phil, W9NAW, and Bob, KC9AGX.

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Swapfests
And Other Social Events

January 5, 2008, Waukesha, WI. 34th Annual Midwinter Swapfest, sponsored by the West Allis RAC. Waukesha County Expo Center Forum, Waukesha, WI. For information contact: www.warac.org, WARAC Swapfest, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or Phil, W9NAW, (414) 425-3649 GPS coordinates: Latitude 43.03227, Longitude -88.23948

January 27, 2008. WCRA Mid-Winter Hamfest. DuPage Expo Center, 4050 East Main Street, St. Charles, IL. Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs. Talk-In: 145.39 (PL 103.5). Contact: John Faber, WT9Y, c/o WCRA, PO Box QSL, Wheaton, IL 60189. Phone: 630-604-0157. Fax: 630-604-0157 http://www.w9ccu.org Email: info@wheatonhamfest.org

February 23, 2008. WeLCARS TechFest. Fox Lake Community Center 23 South Street, Fox Lake, IL Western Lake County Amateur Radio Society. http://welcars.org. Talk-In: 145.755 Simplex and IRLP node 4239 Contact: Joe Serocki, N9IFG. 35144 Sheridan Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041. Phone: 224-715-7766. Email: joeserocki@gmail.com 9 March 9 2008. Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society, Challand Middle School 1700 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL http://www.sterlinghamfest.com Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 114.8). Contact: Lloyd Sherman, KB9APW, 25873 Capp Road, Sterling, IL 61081. Phone: 815-336-2434. Email: lsherman@essex1.com

March 9-10, 2008. 2008 Wisconsin QSO Party. 1800Z March 9 to 0100Z March 10 Local Time: March 9 - 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM CDST. www.warac.org Note: *This is the first day of Daylight Savings Time!*

March 15, 2008, 17th Annual Amateur Equipment Auction Grace Lutheran Church 202 West Grand Avenue, Eau Claire, WI. Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club. http://www.ecarc.org Talk-In: 146.910 (PL 110.9). Contact: Jim Staatz, KI9H, Phone: 715-514-0078. Email: KI9H@arrl.net

March 16, 2008. Tri-County ARC Hamfest 2007. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 305 Heyer Drive, Jefferson, WI. Contact: TCARC, 213 Frederick Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. e-mail: tricountyarc@ yahoo.com (920) 563-6381

March 28-29, 2008. AES SUPERFEST 2008. AES Milwaukee, 5710 West Good Hope Road. Amateur Electronic Supply (AES), Milwaukee, WI. http://www.aesham.com. Talk-In: 145.130/144.530 N9LKH (PL 127.3). Contact: Ray Grenier, K9KHW, 5710 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223. Phone: 414-358-4088. Fax: 414-358-3337. Email: rayk9khw@aol.com

April 19, 2008, Madison Area Repeater Association Swapfest, Stoughton, WI. Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, WI. Inquiries can be directed to: w9hsy@execpc.com or write to MARA, PO Box 8890, Madison, WI 53708-8890, Tele:608.245.8890 For more information see the MARA website www.qsl.net/mara.

May 3. 2008, Ozaukee Radio Club. Circle B Recreation Center, 6261 State Highway 60, (Intersection of St Hwy 60 & Cty Hwy I), Cedarburg, WI http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Contact: Tom Nawrot, AA9XK, 10335 N Grasslyn Road, Mequon, WI 53092. Phone: 262-242-1029 Email: tnawrot@wi.rr.com

June 01, 2008. Bureau County Fairgrounds, West Peru Street, (US Routes 6 & 34), Princeton, IL. Starved Rock Radio Club. http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/hamfest.htm Talk-In: 146.955- (PL 103.5). Contact: Frank Carraro, KF9NZ, 2428 East 29th Road, Seneca, IL 61360. Phone: 815-357-1720. Email: starvedrockfest@hotmail.com

June 08, 2008. DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL. Six Meter Club of Chicago. http://www.qsl.net/k9ona, Talk-In: 146.370/146.970 (PL 107.2) or 146.520. Contact: Joseph Gutwein, WA9RIJ, 6675 South Cass Avenue, Unit 3D, Westmont, IL 60559-3290. Phone: 630-963-4922. Email: wa9rij@arrl.net

July 06, 2008, (SUNDAY). Oak Creek, WI, Sponsored by the South Milwaukee ARC. American Legion Post 434, 9327 South Shepard Ave., Oak Creek, WI. Contact (414 762-3235. e-mail rvatex@aol.com

August 03 2008. Bolingbrook High School, 365 Raider Way, Bolingbrook, IL. Illinois State Convention. lingbrook Amateur Radio Society.http://www.k9bar.org. Talk-In: 147.300 +600 (PL 107.2). Contact: Tom Ballard, N9LJY, 19 W 609 Dystrup Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. Phone: 630-739-3740, Fax: 312-499-7602, Email: tb1301@comcast.net

August 9, 2008, Western Illinois Amateur Radio, ClubEagles Alps 3737 North 5th Street, Quincy, IL http://www.w9awe.org Talk-In: 147.030 (PL 103.5). Contact: Danny Pease, NG9R, Camp Point, IL 62320, PO Box 231, Phone: 217-430-2046 Email: ng9r@arrl.net

September 6, 2008, ORC Ham & Hobby Outdoor Swapfest, Fireman's Park W65 N796 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI Ozaukee Radio Club. http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Contact: Gabe Chido, WI9GC, W58 N985 Essex Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012. Phone: 262-377-2784. Email: gabe@uwm.edu

September13-14, 2008. Radio Expo 2008, Boone County Fairgrounds, US Routes 20 & 76, Belvidere, IL. Chicago FM Club. http://www.chicagofmclub.org Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 107.2); 147.255+ (PL 114.8); 444.725+ (PL 118.8) Contact: Mike Brost, WA9FTS, 5127 North Monterey Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706. Phone: 708-457-0966. Fax: 708-457-0966. Email: mike2006@comcast.net

September 19-20, 2008. W9DXCC Convention. Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL. Northern Illinois DX Association. http://www.w9dxcc.com Talk-In: 147.36. Contact: Bill Smith, W9VA, 2635 Crestwood Lane, Riverwoods, IL 60015. Phone: 847-945-1564. Fax: 847-945-6554. Email: w9va@aol.com

September 20-21, 2008. Peoria Superfest 2008. Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL. Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club. http://www.peoriasuperfest.com Talk-In: 147.075 + (PL 103.5). Contact: John Coker, N9FAM, 133 Vonachen Court, East Peoria, IL 61611. Phone: 309-369-7428. Email: n9fam@arrl.net

Nov 15-16, 2008, Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo). Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN. Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society. http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com Talk-In: 146.88 (-). Contact: James D. Boyer, KB9IH, PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342. Phone: 260-579-2196. Email: chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com

Further information about hamfests in the area can be found at bsss.org or at http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html If your organization is sponsoring a Hamfest/Swapfest and would like us to list your event, please send the information to Ken Ebneter, K9EN at the address on page 2 or to k9en@arrl.net

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CLUB MEETINGS

Appleton
FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:00PM., Goodwill Community Center, 1800 S. Appleton Road, Menasha, WI. Information: Brian Long KB9LRD fcarc@w9zl.org Website: http://www.fcarc.us

Baraboo
BADGERLAND AMATEUR TELEVISION SOCIETY (BATS) Check BATS Web page: http://www.shopstop.net/BATS/

Baraboo
YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: See the YTARC column elsewhere in this issue for meeting times and locations. For further information: http://www.qsl.net/ytarc.

Dubuque, IA
GREAT RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Red Cross Center, 2400 Asbury Road. The club serves the tri-state area. On the Web: http://www.qsl.net/wb0lob/. Information or questions to: N0hdc@aol.com.

Eau Claire
EAU CLAIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m., Eau Claire Parks & Recreation, 1300 First Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703. All hams and guests welcome. W9EAU repeater 146.91 MHz, tone 110.9 Hz. Information: Jim Staatz, KG9RA, President, P.O. Box 1867, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1867. Phone (715) 838-9108, Email kg9ra@ecarc.org. Web page: http://www.ecarc.org

Fond du Lac
FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Monday at Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI. Time: 7 p.m. Sunday net: 7:30 p.m. CDT, K9IA repeater, 145.430 - PL 107.2 Information: Jack Heil, KG9IN, 920.922.1413. Email: kg9in@fdlhams.org Web: http://www.fdlhams.org.

Fort Atkinson
TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB second Thursday monthly except June to August, 7 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson. ARES Net each Wednesday evening at 8 and club net Monday evenings at 8 on 145.49 repeater. Contact: Paul Marowsky, KD9PM, 920-674-4968., or John Satterlee, WA9SAB, 920.563.6381.

Grafton
Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC) Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center, 1665 7th. Ave., Grafton, Wisconsin www.qsl.net/orc/.

Green Bay
GREEN BAY MIKE AND KEY CLUB Meetings: Second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Media Services area of J. M. Science Building at St. Norbert College in DePere. Information: Kevin at kb9sne@yahoo.com.

Green Lake
GREEN FOX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Greater Green Lake County area. Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Green Lake Town Hall, intersection of County Highways K and N.

Houghton, MI area:
The CCRAA is the "Copper Country Radio Amateur Association" and they hold meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall. Summer meetings (June, July, August, and September) are held at the CCRAA Clubhouse in Osceola (2 mi. S. of Calumet, MI)

Hudson
St. CROIX VALLEY RADIO AMATEURS: Meetings: Third Monday of every month at 7:15 pm or immediately following the nets which begin at 7:00 pm. A short business meeting is held followed by a program. The club meets at the St. Croix County Emergency Government Center, 1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson WI. All are welcome! Talkin and ARES/RACES repeater: 145.130 MHz, PL tone 110.9. The ARES/RACES net is held every Monday evening at 7:00 pm immediately followed by the St. Croix Valley Friendly Net also on 145.130. All check-ins are welcome. Web site: www.pressenter.com/~scvra/. Club repeater: 147.33 PL tone 110.9. An informal breakfast gathering is held every Saturday morning, 8:00 am, at Perkins in Hudson. For additional information contact: Lou Greub, WB9PVA, Secretary. e-mail: l.greub218pressenter.com

Juneau
ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI. ARES Nets: 146.64 (-600) Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 7278 KHZ, Alternate in 3.947 at 10:00 AM. & Wednesday, 1908 KHZ 8:00 PM, Wintertime.

La Crosse
Riverland Amateur Radio Club Meeting: First Tuesday. Gundersen Clinic, 1900 South Ave., La Crosse, WI. Basement Conference Room 1. Meeting at 7:00p.m. More information: http// www.qsl.net/wr9arc E-mail wr9arc@qsl.net Sunday night net at 8:00 pm on 146.970. Wednesday morning breakfast at 8:00 am at Ardie's restaurant. Friday lunch at Hooters in downtown La Crosse. http://rarc.qth.com E-mail: wr9arc@rarc.qth.com

Madison
SPACE PLACE AMATEUR RADIO CENTER No meetings. Located on U.W.-Madison campus. Guest operators are welcome to operate the U.W. Space Place Amateur Radio Station, N9UW. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, President, (608) 263-4685. Email: n9uw@sal.wisc.edu.

Madison
BADGER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY University of Wisconsin - Madison/W9YT Meetings: Third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in UW Union South. Room number posted on the Today in The Union board. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, (608) 263-4685. Email: w9ixg@arrl.org. Web: http://www.qsl.net/w9yt.

Madison
Madison DX Club, meetings are on every fourth Tuesday of each month; see http://madisondxclub for more details.

Madison
FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Building, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue, Room C, downstairs. First building west of Hill Farms State Office Building.

Manitowoc
MANITOWOC COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS (ManCoRad) Second Wednesday of each month. Club board meets at 6:30 p.m., and Regular meeting is at 7:30 p.m., at 1105 Fleetwood Drive, 2nd floor (Old County Shop building on northwest side of city.) For Additional information please see our club web-site www.w9dk.com or contact Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, (920) 682-9312. Email: fredandpat@lakefield.net

Marinette WI
Menominee MI
Amateur Radio Club Meetings held second Thursday 7:00PM each month BAMC Tenth Avenue Menominee Michigan in the basement. Guests welcome e-mail secretary kg9ad@arrl.net

Medford
Black River Amateur Radio Association Meetings: Normally the first Thursday of each month. Usual meeting time is 7 PM. Most meetings are held at the Taylor County Courthouse. Directions: Those attending should park in the main courthouse parking lot on the east side of the building, and enter using the main courthouse entrance or the sheriff's dept. entrance. Proceed to the lower level of the courthouse using the stairs or elevator. We meet in the "break room" on the lower level, near the Emergency Government office. Talk-in on the 147.15 repeater (114.8 Hz PL, +600 kHz offset) and 146.52 MHz simplex. Contact: Mike Schoenfuss, N9GHZ, P.O. Box 401, Abbotsford, WI 54405. Phone: (715) 223-3996.

Menomonee Falls
FALLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. Meetings: Last Wednesdays at Bank One building in Germantown. Doors open 7 p.m. Meeting time: 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome!

Menomonie WI
Saturday coffee at Burger King, 544 Main Street, at 9 a.m. Social hour on 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot, 2616 Hills Court, north of Wal-Mart on highway 25 North, in January, March, April, and September through November. Guests welcome!

Milwaukee
GREATER MILWAUKEE DX ASSOCIATION Meetings: Fourth Monday of month, 7:30 p.m. Contact any GMDXA member, or Gary Schwartz, K9GS, (262) 363-4439. Email: garyk9gs@arrl.net.

Milwaukee
MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB Meetings: Last Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI. Mailing address: P.O. Box 070695, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Web: http://www.qsl.net/mrac . Email: w9rh@arrl.net.

Northeast Area
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION Meetings quarterly: April 28, Marinette; August 25, Fox Valley; November 10, Green Bay. For specific information about meetings, check http://home.new.rr.com/newdxa/. Contact us at w9dxa@arrl.net.

Oak Creek
SOUTH MILWAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Wednesdays, Legion Post #434, Shepard Ave., Oak Creek, WI. In March and October the meetings are turned into Auction Nights.. The club WEB site is ww.qsl.net/wa9txe

Onalaska (see La Crosse)

QCWA Chapter 162
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter 162. Meetings: Third Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November, 7:30 p.m., usually at Meadows Restaurant, Franksville, WI. Social events: Third Sundays in February, April, June, August, and October. Christmas party: Usually second or third Sunday in December.

QCWA Chapter 55
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Wisconsin Chapter 55 meets the first Saturday of June and October. For information about Chapter 55, contact Ron Yokes, W9BCK, Secretary, 612 N. Pt Washington Road, Grafton, WI 53024-9703. (262) 375-1774. mailto:rryokes@execpc.com.

Racine
LAKESHORE REPEATER ASSOCIATION Meetings: Last Tuesday, January, April, July, October. American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI.

Racine
RACINE MEGACYCLE CLUB Meetings: Second Mondays, 7:30 p.m., American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI.

Sheboygan
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Tuesdays. 7 p.m., Sheboygan County Red Cross/Boy Scout Building, 2032 Erie Avenue.

Shell Lake
Northland ARC meetings are held the first Saturday of each month after breakfast. Location: Schmitz's Economart Deli. Located on US Hwy.63 on the south end of Spooner. The meeting will start at approx. 8:00 AM. Breakfast usually starts by 7:30 AM. Come and see what we're about. Anyone, even if you're licensed or not and has an interest in ham radio is welcome to attend! Next Meeting: Sept 4th, 2004 at 8:00 AM. So Please plan to attend!!!!! http://home.centurytel.net/NorthlandARC/.

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WISCONSIN NETS

Net	WNA	Freq.	UTC	CST	Manager
BWN	YES	3985	1200	0600	W9IXG
BEN	YES	3985	1800	1200	KE9VU
WSBN	YES	3985	2315	1715	K9FHI
WNN	YES	3555	0000	1800	KB9ROB
WSSN	YES	3555	0030	1830	N9JIY
WIN/E	YES	3555	0100	1900	WB9ICH
WIN/L	YES	3555	0400	2200	W9UW
RCRA	NO	01/61	2330	1930	KA9OMC
	(Mondays CDT— Menomonie Area)				
Green Bay Area	NO	72/12	0345	2145	WB9NRK
ARES	NO	4.65/5.25	0300	2100	
	(South East/South Central Wisconsin)				
ARES/RACES (WRACES)	NO	3997.5	0000	1800	N9VAO
	(Sundays)				

Wisconsin Section STM Report

WISCONSIN SECTION STM REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2007

Sequence:

To make your communication vest even more attractive, you might add some sparkling trim. . .Oh! (familiar sound of hand striking forehead) An alert reader has just informed me that sequins aren't quite the same as "sequence." *Sequence* is the order of things – and it becomes very important in passing a formal message efficiently.

Whether you're using NTS, ICS-213, or another format in the message you're sending, it's very helpful to the receiver to keep the parts in order. In the NTS preamble, that's number, precedence, handling instructions, station of origin, check, place of origin, time, and date. When elements of a message are sent in the proper sequence, the receiving operator knows what to expect and can anticipate. Especially under poor conditions, knowing what to listen for helps.

Think of a message as a contest exchange. If you know you're going to hear a number and a precedence, it limits the possibilities and allows you to focus specifically on the exact figures and letters. You can predict more accurately within a range.

Just as there's an order to a traffic net, a to-do list, or a construction project, there's an order to a formal message. Using the right sequence isn't really a tall, er, *order*.

73 – K9LGU/STM-WI

October 2007

FAQ # 75 – I hear net reports, birthday wishes, and license renewal reminder messages on the nets. I hear invitations to join CW nets. I know these radiograms are being used for practice in the National Traffic System. What other kinds of traffic could I create to help exercise the system? Almost anything that is not commercial or offensive in nature. Short messages of thanks for gifts, favors, QSOs, or service, are nice. For example, you might send a message to the SM in thanks for all he does in public and even more behind the scenes for Hams in Wisconsin. Brief inquiries of old friends are usually welcome. Get-well wishes can lift someone's spirits. Congratulatory notes are certainly appropriate when someone does something you admire – scores well in a contest, helps promulgate Ham Radio, offers a good idea, serves as a faithful net control station, etc. You might write and send any of these.

You could also *originate* traffic from a third party. Offering free radiograms is still good public relations at a public service event or exhibit. Everything from county fairs or steam power shows to Field Day can offer an opportunity – especially if you have pre-printed messages ready to go.

Keeping the system fed with traffic keeps us in practice, so "when all else fails. . ."

73 – K9LGU / STM - WI

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WISCONSIN SECTION STATION ACTIVITY

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY
September 2007

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	2134	2840	5817	30	W9IXG
BEN	570	34	925	27	KE9VU
WSBN	672	63	1084	30	K9FHI
WNN	124	5	211	21	KB9ROB
WSSN	138	22	241	29	N9JIY
WIN/E	156	22	227	28	WB9ICH
WIN/L	159	37	277	31	W9UW
WRACES	104	1	272	5	N9VAO
TOTALS	4057	3024	9054	201	
MWCRN –AUG	143	50	318	4	WA9ZTY
MWCRN --SEP	168	69	379	4	WA9ZTY

October 2007

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	2401	3232	6348	31	W9IXG
BEN	540	58	1246	32	KE9VU
WSBN	674	63	1117	31	K9FHI
WNN	151	21	317	25	KB9ROB
WSSN	169	19	290	31	N9JIY
WIN/E	155	18	238	30	WB9ICH
WIN/L	133	27	267	30	W9UW
WRACES	146	18	316	5	N9VAO
TOTALS	4369	3456	10139	215	
MWCRN	204	94	415	4	WA9ZTY

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY
September 2007

STATION		ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD TOTAL
KA9EKG	44	631	618	29	1322 – BPL
KB9KEG	31	102	31	102	268
K9LGU	0	40	46	3	89
W9BHL	0	16	42	0	58
AG9G	0	7	48	0	55
K9FHI	0	16	27	0	43
KN9P	0	17	0	17	34
KB9ROB	0	16	5	9	30
W9UW	0	19	9	1	29
KE9VU	0	26	2	0	28
N9NNN	0	0	24	0	24
W9RSX	0	3	18	0	21
K9GU	0	0	19	0	19
WB9ICH	0	12	2	0	14
WD9FLJ	0	3	7	2	12
W9PVD	0	0	1	0	1

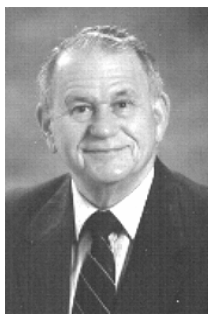
October 2007

STATION		ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD TOTAL
KA9EKG	40	629	620	24	1313 –BPL
KB9KEG	34	263	34	263	594 – BPL
K9LGU	0	49	61	4	114
K9FHI	0	26	26	0	52
AG9G	0	5	46	0	51
KN9P	0	18	0	18	36
KE9VU	0	32	2	0	34
W9BHL	0	5	25	0	30
KA9BHK –SEP	0	1	20	1	22
KB9ROB	0	14	3	4	21
K9GU	0	0	21	0	21
W9UW	0	17	2	0	19
W9RSX	0	1	15	0	16
WB9ICH	0	14	2	0	16

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The Computer Corner

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No. 140. Yet More Goodies

- by Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR

Back in No. 137, I discussed defragging and mentioned several good freeware defraggers. I also alluded to an up-and-coming beta version that runs constantly in the background whenever Windows is up. It defrags a little whenever the machine is idle, as when you are taking a break, or even between your keystrokes. I told you it still had a few bugs. Well, the bugs seem to have been worked out, and the package now does a good job. If you don't want to bother with defragging manually and just have it done in the background, I think it is ready for you to use. I had it on my main machine for a couple of months with no problems, and it does what it says it will do. Go get it (do a Google search, or just stop by majorgeeks.com and find it there). IObit Smart Defrag is its name. It is still in beta version, but it seems to be very stable and worth putting on your machine. I suspect it may be a pay-for program when it comes out of beta, so if you get it now you will be ahead of the game. Good stuff! Note however, that I am still more partial to JkDefrag, also mentioned in #137, because it does such a fast and thorough job (much better than your built-in Windows version). It is also unique in leaving space on the fastest portion of the hard drive platter for those hundreds of little files that Windows is constantly creating and modifying. Tough choices among great software! What the heck, why not get the best of both worlds? Routinely let IObit Smart Defrag do its thing in the background, but run JkDefrag now and then to really clean things up! I have done this and it works fine. Just don't run both at the same time.

At our Ozaukee Radio Club weekly breakfast a few weeks ago, Ed Rate (AA9W) reminded me of an unusual program that has been around for a long time. Originally programmed for Linux as KdirStat, the Windows version is called WinDirStat (version 1.1.2.80). This program does a very rapid scan of whatever partititions you may have (C: or D: or E: or all of them) and then presents you with a very unusual map of all the files. Each file type is a different color; .jpg files are blue, .doc files are red, .ico files are gray, and so on. A colored box represents each individual file. Moreover, the relative size of each box informs you at a glance of the relative size(s) of all the files on the partition, classified by type. Clicking an individual colored box will show you the name of the file, and you already know what kind it is from the color-coding. There are many options, including deleting the file. You have the option of deleting it to the recycle bin (a reversible process), or deleting it completely (the file is then lost forever unless you use a special program to recover it). WinDirStat is touted as a tool to "show where all your disk space has gone, and help you to clean it up". It certainly does give you a good sense of the space your files occupy on the disk. Just use caution in deleting stuff unless you are very sure of what you are doing. The viewing aspect of the program is quite safe, and it is instructive to use it. A most unusual and interesting visual display! Oh yes, it works with everything up through XP. I don't know if anyone has tried it with Vista.

I have messed with any number of freeware CD/DVD burners in the last few years, and most will do the job to one or another extent. However, CDBurnerXP (http://www.cdburnerxp.se/download.php) is the most trouble-free burner I have found. It has a clean, slick interface with just about all the options you will ever need. It requires that you have the free Microsoft .NET Framework installed, but many people have this already (or should have it). Just download and install CDBurnerXP – it will tell you if you need anything not presently on your machine. By the way, don't be fooled by the name of this program. It works fine with Windows 2000. A very nice freebie!

One more goodie is Universal Viewer. How many times have you downloaded or otherwise gotten a file and could not open it because you don't own the program that created it? This is a problem we have all run up against from time to time, and UV will generally solve it. It can open a huge number of different file formats, at least so you can see what is in them. It even has a hex viewer for program files (.exe) or .dll files, or other non-text files. To get the free version, go to http://www.uvviewsoft.com*, click on the download button on the left and select the free version. Then install it. When you need it, just right click the file you want to look at and select Universal Viewer from the dropdown list. UV has solved problems for me dozens of times already! (*Read that URL as U V V I E W S O F T – two Vs next to each other look like a W)

Happy Computing!
Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR

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WISCONSIN SECTION MANAGER REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2007

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: KC9IS, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE.

With regret, I am informing you of the passing of this Wisconsin Amateur: -- Jim Daniels, WA9SNU, 65.

The 50th annual "Jamboree On The Air" JOTA is coming up on October 20! We encourage clubs to support JOTA with live demonstrations to the local scout organizations. We urge you to contact your local Boy Scout council to see if they have a local JOTA station listed. Ironically, the local scout office may know of a ham that normally doesn't go through club or PIO channels who's spearheading the JOTA effort. Or, better yet, volunteer to promote JOTA. To find your nearest local Boy Scout council, go to http://www.scouting.org/ and type in your zip code, or go to the national Girl Scout website at http://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder/ and find the nearest council. Be sure to check the JOTA website for the recommended frequencies as they have been recently changed. http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/

Remember: JOTA is not only the largest official scouting event in the world with an expected 500,000 participants (ten times larger than the Boy Scout National Jamboree), but it's also open to both Boy and Girl Scouts, making one of the few joint events between the two scout organizations, and one of the few internationally sponsored events. Another great resource for JOTA is the ScoutRadio group inside Yahoo Groups.

The theme of JOTA 2007 is "Around the world in 50 hours". This year JOTA is being held on 20-21 October with the operating window extended to 50 hours for this anniversary event from Friday (19 October) 22:00 local to Sunday 24:00 local.

Is your club having upcoming events that you want to promote? Here are some suggestions:

-- For hamfests--

1) Be sure you send me information well in advance of your Hamfest so I can have it posted on the Wisconsin site: http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI I recommend that your Hamfest flyer should have details on location--map, address, driving directions, call-in frequency. 2) I would be happy to, also, mention it in the monthly Section News. Send me information no later than 45 days before your Hamfest and I will include a brief announcement here.

-- For classes--

1) Be sure you send me information months in advance of your class so I can have it posted on the Wisconsin site under Amateur Radio Classes & Workshops 2) Register your class with the ARRL so it can be posted on their Classes site: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/courses/?section=WI To be able to do this, one of your club members involved in the class will need to be an ARRL Registered Instructor. http://www.arrl.org/es/register/ Registered Instructors, also, benefit with the Instructor Discount Program. Save 25% on instructional materials!! We hope that you take advantage of these opportunities.

The Internal Revenue Service awarded Wisconsin Emergency Communi-

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WISCONSIN SECTION STATION ACTIVITY

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P S H R SUMMARY
September 2007

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
KB9KEG	40	40	30	210	0	10	330
K9LGU	40	40	30	35	0	0	145
K9FHI	40	40	30	10	0	10	130
AG9G	40	40	20	30	0	0	130
W9RSX	40	21	10	0	0	0	71

October 2007

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
KB9KEG	40	40	30	260	0	10	380
WD9FLJ	40	25	10	75	0	0	150
K9FHI	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
K9LGU	40	40	30	15	0	0	125
AG9G	40	40	20	20	0	0	120
W9RSX	40	16	10	0	0	0	66

WISCONSIN SECTION MANAGER REPORT

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cations, WeComm, Ltd. 501 (C)(3) status; enabling donor's to claim tax deductions for contributions. WeComm, Ltd. is a Wisconsin non-profit corporation founded to design, build and maintain state-of-the-art, reliable statewide Amateur Radio communication networks for disaster, emergency and public service use by ARES®/RACES teams. WeComm, Ltd., incorporated in 2005, has begun designing a statewide network of Amateur Radio repeaters. A major feature of the WeComm network of repeaters is the ability to link individual repeaters into a statewide configuration, or to un-link them to serve smaller areas and meet existing needs. System design is nearly complete for voice and digital data networks, and the construction of the first repeater is scheduled to start soon. Wisconsin ARES/RACES is the intended user for the network for disaster, emergency and public service use. When not needed by ARES/RACES, the network will be open and available for normal Amateur Radio use. http://www.wecomm.org/

Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, SEC and WeComm President.

We are about two weeks away from the 2007 WI ARES/RACES Conference (October 27, 28). Registration must be received by the close of business on Saturday, October 20. Please spread the word and register at our ARES web site: http://www.wi-aresraces.org/2007confreg.htm If a person does not have Internet access, contact me directly. The conference is open to anyone who has an interest in ARES/RACES. The keynote speaker will be Dennis Dura, K2DCD, ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager. Hope to see you there! Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, kb9eno@arrl.net 920-779-0611

73, Don, W9IXG

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With regret, I am informing you of the passing of the following Wisconsin Amateurs:

-- Wilfred Velie, WA9BZU, 83. He was member of Eau Claire ARC.

-- Bertrum Lee Dawson, WA9VXE, 89. He was, also, a member of Eau Claire ARC.

-- Richard McNew, WB9PTC, 76. He was a member of MRAC and Miller Valley Radio Club.

-- Jerry Kopack, KF6MYE, 60. Jerry was a member of Calumet Amateur Radio Club.

-- Joe Grosskopf, K9GNJ, 85. He was a past member of West Allis RAC.

SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) is Saturday, December 1, and the National Weather Service and ARRL are once again co-sponsoring the on-the-air operating activity. An article about this operating event will be featured in December QST's Public Service column. Thanks to David Floyd, N5DBZ, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Goodland, Kansas, for helping to organize SKYWARN Recognition Day and for providing the information. SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC on December 1, 2007. To learn more, check out the Web site: http://hamradio.noaa.gov

The 2007 Wisconsin Field Day results are given at this ARRL site: http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/scores.html?fd_category=&fd_power=&fd_sect=WI&ss_call=&sort0=&sort1=&sort2=&con_id=133 Congratulations!!

Mancorad Radio Club is hosting a winter HamCram Class. Pre-Class: Monday November 12th at 7 pm (Optional Monday November 26th at 7 pm)

HamCram: Saturday December 1st, 2006 8 am - 4 pm Where: Mancorad Club Shack, Old County Building at Waldo Blvd & Fleetwood Dr. Cost: $40 which includes the $14 FCC Exam Fee, a copy of the ARRL Manual, $6 for your course materials, and a Pizza Lunch on HamCram Saturday. (Fee without Book is $20) Contact: Mancorad - HamCram, P.O. Box 204, Manitowoc, WI 542210-0204 Email: info@w9dk.com

HamCram is a specially designed single day session that teaches everything needed to become an FCC Licensed Radio Amateur, with official FCC Licensing the same day.

A preparation session several weeks prior will explain in detail all that you need to study & know to pass the FCC multiple choice Technician License (Entry Level License).

Looking for club newsletter material? There's a monthly club newsletter, put out by Norm Fusaro, w3iz@arrl.net, which has lots of excellent information in it. The national PR Committee is aiding in that and recently began a series of short articles on the many benefits that the ARRL provides to members. These make excellent cut & paste articles for your local group newsletters. Many times, even people who are already members, do not know of, or forget about, many of the activities and programs that ARRL has to aid Amateur Radio operators. By including one topic a month in your news, you help your members learn about and take advantage of membership opportunities. In addition, be sure your club knows about how to sign up or renew ARRL members via the club program. In this way, your club is able to also raise funds for itself so everyone wins! http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/club-commission-program.html

This is the time of year to honor your club member(s) who have given extra support to your activities. Give the deserved recognition with a certificate or plaque at your upcoming holiday party! It will mean a lot.

73, Don, W9IXG

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The awards committee also voted to make two special awards this year. The first was to Dave Knaus, N9QA, to recognize the outstanding support he as given to WARAC over thirty years as president, Hamtrix editor, swapfest chairperson, scholarship chairperson and webmaster.

The second special award was given to Jim White, W9GLH, for being the WARAC radio license trainer, FD food committee (famous chili), board member and his involvement in other club activities over many years time.

Door prizes were next on the agenda and were coordinated by Bob. Winners for the non-ham category were Kathy Parker, Jan Gural and Mary Ann Macon. Winners for the ham category were Bill, KA9WRL, Bob, WD9ANY and Phil, WA9AQL.

The evening concluded with presentation of Member of the Year award to Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR, for his efforts as the Wisconsin QSO Party Chairperson plus club secretary duties, Field Day participation and other club activities.

Committee members for this year's Awards Dinner were Bob, KC9AGX; John, K9IAC, and Phil, W9NAW.

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CLUB MEETINGS

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Stevens Point
CWRA Ltd./UWSP ARC Meetings second Wednesday. of each month at 7:30 pm. Science Building on the UW-Stevens Point Campus, Room A107, Stevens Point, WI. Email: jglas776@uwsp.edu. Webpage: www.qsl.net/wb9qfw.

Superior
ARROWHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Secondary Technical Center. The address is: 802 East Central Entrance - Duluth, MN 55811. The board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

W.A.R. WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS
Quarterly meetings of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters are held at various locations around the State in March, July and November. Check the WAR web page for meeting announcements and repeater coordination info. Information: http://www.wi-repeaters.org.

Watertown
WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Thursdays of month, 7 p.m., Room S-114 of the Watertown High School, 825 Endeavour Drive, Watertown, WI 53098 at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday each month.

Waupaca
WAUPACA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CQ First Tue. Social gathering and Dutch treat luncheon, King's Table, King, WI, on Highway QQ, just south of Highways 10 and 54, west side of Waupaca. Gather at 11 to 11:30. Order at noon. Club business transacted. CQ Third Fri. Social gathering and Dutch treat dinner. Semi-formal, OM and XYL, at one of the better supper clubs in the area. Check: Waupaca 147.39 nets at 8 a.m. or 8:50 p.m. for month's meeting location.

Wausau
WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION Meetings: 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month except for July. The meeting location is the Marshfield Clinic, Wausau Center. Talk in is on 147.135 + PL 114.8. Website is www.wvraclub.org.

West Allis
West Allis Radio Amateur Club Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 80th and Lincoln Ave., West Allis. Meetings in basement. Entrance at rear, off alley. Handicapped accessible. www.warac.org.

West Bend
WASHINGTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am. Location is the Polk Town Hall, Highway 60 west of Jackson. For more information, call Mike, N9JIY at 262-627-0519, or inquire via the 146.673 repeater.

Wisconsin Rapids
WISCONSIN RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month and are held at the McMillan Memorial Library located on the corner of Lincoln St & E. Grand Ave. in Wisconsin Rapids, unless otherwise notified. The meetings start at 6:30 PM and end by 8:00 PM.

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www.arrl.org/hamradio.html

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Check out this website: =http://www.arrl.org/hamradio.html

Remember, when all else fails, in an emergency, there are always Amateur Radio operators providing communications!

We will use email for as much of the correspondence as possible, which helps keep our costs down. You will help us if you do the same, if you can, and send any questions or other correspondence to n9uw@sal.wisc.edu. If you cannot readily use email, send mail to:

Space Place Amateur License Workshop
2300 S. Park St. (Villager Mall)
Madison, WI 53713

Directions: From the Beltline (Hwys 12-18), take the Park Street exit north. Go about 0.5 mile. Space Place is on the left in the Villager Mall. Enter by the door at the large "2300" sign. Space Place is in the lower level. Registration is, also, available via http://spaceplace.wisc.edu/radio.htm or email n9uw@sal.wisc.edu.

There is no charge for this workshop. However, you are required to obtain the book entitled "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual" $24.95. You can purchase the manual from the ARRL, www.arrl.org/catalog or call 888-277-5289 or Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee. Phone 800-558-0411 or use their web site: www.aesham.com. The local book stores may, also, carry it. You'll find that this book is truly a good investment, for its reference and operational material will continue to be useful to you long after you have acquired your ham radio license. The book is, also, available on loan from the Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club library.

Please get this book ASAP, if you register for the workshop! The book is designed for self-study, and you will find it easy to use. Just start at the front and forge ahead! As the workshop weekend approaches we will send you a syllabus to tell you what material will be covered in the workshop sessions. We cannot, however, cover all the material in adequate depth in just two days; therefore, your home study is a MUST!! I cannot emphasize this enough! Note also that there will be several experienced instructors (all volunteers) teaching different sections of the course and presenting many aspects of the fascinating hobby of ham radio.

The workshop schedule is:
Saturday, February 23, 8 AM to 5 PM;
Sunday, February 24, 9 AM to 5 PM.

A Technician license exam will be given from 3-5 PM on that Sunday. If you want to take the exam (and why not? You'll never be better prepared!) The FCCrequired fee is $14.00. A check or money order in that amount made out to ARRL/VEC is preferable to cash. Also bring two forms of identification; one must be a photo ID.

We will take a lunch break (Dutch treat) plus other breaks, each day. Refreshments and snacks will be provided at Space Place.

Any questions?

73, (best regards)
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ARLB025 W1AW 2007/2008 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC	(4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 "	"	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 "	(5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 "	(6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 "	(7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 "	"	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 "	(8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 "	(9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 "	(9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 "	(10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 "	"	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 "	(11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

	Frequencies (MHz)
CW:	1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555
RTTY:	- 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555
VOICE:	1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM
CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM
CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is

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Amateur Radio Examination Locations and Schedules in the Area

December 01, 2007	Madison, WI
December 01, 2007	St. Paul, MN
December 08, 2007	Blaine, MN
December 08, 2007	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
December 08, 2007	Fond Du Lac, WI
December 15, 2007	Apple Valley, MN
December 15, 2007	Rockford, IL
December 20, 2007	Iron River, MI
January 05, 2008	Madison, WI
January 05, 2008	St. Paul, MN
January 05, 2008	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
January 10, 2008	Apple Valley, MN
January 12, 2008	Blaine, MN
January 12, 2008	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
January 17, 2008	Iron River, MI
January 19, 2008	Sheboygan, WI
January 19, 2008	Rockford, IL
January 19, 2008	Janesville, WI
January 19, 2008	Eau Claire, WI
January 26, 2008	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
January 26, 2008	Tomahawk, WI
January 26, 2008	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
February 02, 2008	Madison, WI
February 02, 2008	St. Paul, MN
February 09, 2008	Blaine, MN
February 09, 2008	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
February 14, 2008	Apple Valley, MN
February 16, 2008	Appleton, WI
February 16, 2008	Rockford, IL
February 21. 2008	Iron River, MI
February 23, 2008.	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
February 23, 2008.	Tomahawk, WI
March 02, 2008	Marshfield, WI
March 02, 2008	Madison, WI
March 02, 2008	St. Paul, MN
March 09, 2008	Blaine, MN
March 09, 2008	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
March 14, 2008	Apple Valley, MN
March 15, 2008	Sheboygan, WI
March 16, 2008	Rockford, IL
March 21. 2008	Iron River, MI
March 23, 2008.	Tomahawk, WI
March 29, 2008	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
April 05, 2008	Madison, WI
April 05, 2008	St. Paul, MN
April 10, 2008	Apple Valley, MN
April 12, 2008	Blaine, MN
April 12, 2008	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
April 17, 2008	Iron River, MI
April 19, 2008	Rockford, IL
April 26, 2008	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
April 26, 2008	Tomahawk, WI
May 03, 2008	La Crosse, WI
May 03, 2008	Madison, WI
May 03, 2008	St. Paul, MN
May 08, 2008	Apple Valley, MN
May 10, 2008	Blaine, MN
May 10, 2008	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
May 15, 2008	Iron River, MI
May 17, 2008	Rockford, IL
May 24, 2008.	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
May 31, 2008	Tomahawk, WI
Monthly, 1st Sat.	Madison, WI
Monthly, 1st Sat.	St. Paul, MN
Monthly, 2nd Thu.	Apple Valley, MN
Monthly, 2nd Sat.	Blaine, MN
Monthly, 2nd Sat.	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
Monthly, 3rd Thu.	Iron River, MI
Monthly, 3rd Sat.	Rockford, IL
Monthly, Last Sat.	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC) (Except Mar., Jun., Aug., & Dec.)
Monthly, Last Sat.	Tomahawk, WI (January thru October only)

GENERAL RULES FOR MOST EXAMINATIONS:

Be sure to check with sponsors before going to an examination session. There may be changes and/or errors in the dates or information given. Some examinations require filing an FCC or NCVEC Form 605 and advance registration at least 30 days before the exam date. Some VE teams permit walkins. Check with the sponsor.

Many hamfests and swapfests offer examinations. A Hamfest entrance fee should not be charged if you come only to attend the examination. To register in advance, you must get a copy of the current FCC Form 605, and fill it out completely and correctly. Get your form from the FCC as instructed below, or from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Please send an SASE if you request a form from the League. FCC Field Offices seldom stock forms. You can also get a form from

http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html
or
ftp://ftp.fcc.gov/pub/Forms/Form605.

A form by FAX is available at (202) 418-0177 (request Form 000605). The FCC Forms Distribution Center will accept orders at (800) 418-3676. Form 605 has a main form, plus a Schedule D with two parts (for Vanity and Physician's Certifications). Forms can also be obtained from the sponsoring group.

See QST, W1AW bulletins, or The ARRL Letter regarding any annual exam fee changes. Test fees: The ARRL/VEC has set its 2007 test fee at $14.00. FCC requires applicants to show their original amateur license or CSCE to the VE team. You must also have a good copy of your license or CSCE. A copy of your license or CSCE must be attached to your FCC form 605 and most VE teams need a copy for their records. One good CSCE copy is sufficient. You are also be required to have a photo ID, or two other forms of ID. Contact the VE team for details.

Technician class licensees must show proof of testing before March 21, 1987, in order to upgrade to General. Proof must be either in the form of a pre-3/21/87 license document or a "Letter of Verification of Technician License Held Prior to 1987" as requested in writing from the FCC, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245. For those with internet access, a listing of exam sessions is available from:

http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml

By checking this page, you can find registered VE sessions anywhere in the US and some overseas. You can search by country, state or zip code. The listing is not specific to any particular VEC. It is a master database. Thanks to Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL/VEC.

Adams, WI

Adams City Fire Dept., 101 N. Main St., Highway 13, Adams, WI. Contact Edward J. Wagner (608) 584-4858. ab9fn@arrl.net

Appleton, WI

Fox Cities ARC (ARRL/VEC) All regular test sessions are held at the American Red Cross Building, 1302 East Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Testing starting at 8 a.m. No walk-ins after 9 a.m. For information, contact George R. Croy, W9MDP, 2113 Twin Willows Drive, Appleton, WI 54914. (920) 730-0967. Email: w9mdp@arrl.net.

Eau Claire, WI

Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 W., Grand Ave. Enter off 2nd Avenue entrance, Eau Claire, WI

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Fond du Lac, WI

Fond du Lac ARC (ARRL/VEC). Community United Methodist Church, 701 Minnesota Ave., North Fond du Lac. 9:00 a.m. Walk-ins allowed. Contact: Douglas J. Schultz, 920-922-3088, schultz74@charter.net.

Iron Mountain, MI

Sponsor: W5YI VEC. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-Ins Allowed). Contact: Mark J Lewis, (906)774-6598. VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Dickinson County Library, 401 South Iron Mountain St., Arrival Time: 9:00 AM. Conference Room, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Iron River, MI.

Sponsor: Iron Range ARA (IRARC). Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins). Contact: Dan R Waters, (906)265-4240. Email: dmwaters@ironriver.tv VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Iron River Lutheran Church, Across From Mc Donald's. Pre-Registration Required. If no applicants - No testing. Iron River, MI 49935

Janesville, WI

Saint John Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 292 N. Parker Drive, upper parking entrance. Janesville, WI. Contact Scott A. Fry, (608) 449-8513. e-mail: radarkilowatt@aol.com

La Crosse, WI (ARRL/VEC).

Sponsor:Riverland Amateur Radio Club Location: American Red Cross-2927 Losey Blvd. LaCrosse, WI Time: 9:00a.m. (NO Walk-Ins) Registration IS required-Contact: Roger Reader 608-783-0723 readers@centurytel.net.

Madison, WI

The Madison Wisconsin, Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club-sponsored VE testing has moved to the new University of Wisconsin Space Place, 2300 South Park Street, lower level, Madison, WI in the Villager shopping center complex. Exams are given the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, no appointment is necessary. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Kammen, NQ9A at 608-246-0225 (home phone) or sent to NQ9A@arrl.net.

Marshfield, WI

Sponsored by the Marshfield Area ARS. Saint Joseph's Hospital, 611 Saint Joseph Ave., Room 124, Hospice South Bldg., Marshfield, WI 54449. Contact: Richard L. Nesbitt, (715) 384-3489. Email: Nesbit@charter.net

Mauston, WI

Location is the Mauston City Hall,from 9am - noon. Holding testing sessions here quarterly for all elements. Walk-ins always welcomed and Talk-in via the 146.850 (pl 123.0) repeater.

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The Test Point



Amateur Radio Examination Locations and Schedules in the Area

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The contact person is myself dave@n0trq.com or 08-548-2271. Sponsored by Juneau County Amateur Radio Club (JCARC).

Menomonie, WI (ARRL/VEC)
Sponsored by the Dunn County Area Amateurs Location: University of Wisconsin, 121 10th Avenue, UW Stout Millennium Hall, NW Entrance, Menomonie, WI 54751. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: James L. Guenther, (715)232-2625. Email: guentherj@uwstrout.edu

Menominee, MI
Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club. Location: The cafeteria of Bay Area Med Center, US-41 in Menominee. Building located next to KFC just off the Interstate Bridge. All classes given. Advance notice preferred, but not required. Test fee is $10 with two pieces of identification required. Contact Jeff Rymer, N9PQU at jrymer@ez-net.com or Ed Engleman, KG8CX, at dxer@cybrzn.com. We will monitor the 147.000 (107.2 pl) repeater in event further directions or info is needed.

Merrill, WI
Merrill Amateur Radio Group. 3:15 p.m. (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Myron J. Oestreich (715) 355-6902 e-mail: kb9stb@margdx Location: Gail's Place, n4090 Cth. K, Lincoln Center Banquet Hall.

Milwaukee, WI
(AES Superfest) Sponsor: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed).
The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club VEC holds test sessions on the last Saturday, except in March, June, August, and December. In addition, we test for one morning during the West Allis RAC Swapfest in January and at Superfest in April. All sessions except WARAC swapfest are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 at Amateur Electronic Supply, 5710 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee. Watch for signs directing you to the session room. West Allis RAC Swapfest session is held at AMF lanes across the street from the Waukesha Expo. We usually start earlier; contact VEC for more info.
Bring along your original license or CSCE (if any), and one good quality photocopy of each, plus a form of identification (driver's license is fine). Exam fee is $5.00; walk-ins are welcome. Contact: Tom Fuszard at 262-789-7975 or tom@supremecom.biz.

Negaunee, MI. Sponsor: HIAWATHA ARC. Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Richard E Schwenke, (906)249-3837, Email: n8gba@chartermi.net VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Health Dept Bldg (Downstairs), 184 US 41 E, Entrance @ Back of building. Negaunee, MI 49866

Oshkosh, WI (Omro)
Oshkosh VE Team Amateur Radio exams monthly on the second Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and exams will be given from 9 a.m. until noon. Omro Community Center, 130 W. Larrabee, Omro, WI. Walkins welcomed. Bring a good quality photocopy of your original license and any other necessary documents such as a CSCE, etc. The first session will be through W5YI/VEC, and then sessions will alternate between ARRL/VEC and W5YI/VEC. The exam fee is $6.65. For more information, please call Dick Lemme, K9FA, at (920) 235-0987, e-mail: lemme@vbe.com, or write Dick at 826 Jefferson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Portage, WI
10:30 a.m. Portage Public Library, 253 W Edgewater St., Portage, WI. Contact Ed Wagner, (608) 584-4858. e-mail: ab9fn@yahoo.com.

Racine, WI
ARRL VEC Monthly - first Saturday, except January, July, and August. Monthly exams are given 9 to 11 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1013 Harmony Drive, Racine. Walkins are permitted. Talk in on 147.87/.27. Inquiries and registrations should be directed to Robert M. Frederiksen, (262) 637-6588. e-mail: kb9zaf@arrl.net.

Rockford, IL
Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners (W5YI VEC) Third Saturday of every month. 9:00 a.m. to noon. No new applicants after 11:00 a.m. Walkins welcome. Held at St. Anthony Hospital, 5660 E State St., Rockford, IL. Contact: Randy Scott, W9HL, W9HL@ARRL.NET (815-877-4328).

Sheboygan, WI
Sheboygan County ARC (ARRL/VEC). Exams are held in the Red Cross Building, 2032 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The test areas are handicap accessible with signage posted to direct candidates to the proper area of the building. Walk-ins are accepted, however notification ahead of time of your intention to appear would be appreciated. Contact: Art Pahr K9XJ, 920-876-2370. N8029 Willow Road k9xj@arrl.net Plymouth, WI 53073-2929

Tomahawk, WI
Tomahawk Repeater Association ARRL/VEC team. Last Saturday of every month January thru October. Registration at 8:30, testing at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk. Contact Diane Lodge Hamman, KA9BHK, 145.43 MHz or telephone 715 453-3908.

St. Paul, MN
Saint Paul Radio Club (SPRC) First Saturday of the month. Site: Roseville City Hall, 2660 County Road C, NW Corner County Road. C & Lexington Ave., Roseville MN 55101. Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)Contact: David M Buending, (952)486-0836, Email: AD2B@ARRL.NET, VEC: ARRL/VEC.

Washington Island, WI
Contact: John W. Van Sandt, (217) 826-8821. n9yrx@hotmail.com

Waukesha, WI (Milwaukee VEC)
Sponsor: West Allis Radio Club Swapfest, Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed. Contact: John G. Kraak, (262)548-9585. Email: jkraak@wi.rr.com. Location: AMF Waukesha Lanes, across from Waukesha EXPO, Waukesha, WI 53186

Wausau, WI.
Sponsor: WVRA. Time: 8:00 Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Gerald L. Graebel, (715) 42-9542 Email: VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Martech Systems, 614 N. 3rd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401. Parking in rear of building.

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sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular Teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 96 in the November 2007 issue of QST or on the web at, http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html.

ARRL special bulletin
SB QST ARL ARLB025

UNFOUNDED RUMORS

Fellow Central Division ARRL Members:

For those who follow FCC proceedings and already understand what the IARU is and how it operates, a lot of what I'm about to say may be old news to you. However, we still appear to have individuals, who do not understand the IARU (and sometimes even the FCC), get very excited when somebody tells them their cherished mode of amateur radio operation is in danger of being eliminated. What follows is for the benefit of these people.

The recently approved IARU Region 2 Band Plan is only an advisory band plan for use, as desired, primarily by those amateur radio societies in Region 2 that have little in the way of a band plan. This is the second IARU Region to adopt a new or revised band plan. Region 3 still has yet to act on this item.

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is only an advisory organization made up of the amateur radio societies in each respective region. Region 2 is North and South America. The geographic regions mirror the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Regions. The ITU is the body that develops the rules at World Radio Conferences that then have to be adopted by each country. The IARU has no such power.

The current mini-uproar is the result of a very few ignorant people with issues making postings to various un-moderated Internet email reflectors.

There is no plot to shut down amateur radio AM operation in the U.S. or its territories. The existing AM footnotes to our current band plan still apply and will continue to do so until the FCC changes or erases them from its Part 97 Regulations. I repeat, there is no ARRL plan to get rid of HF amateur radio AM operation in the U.S. I also point out that the AM footnotes (that enable AM operation) in the current FCC Amateur Radio Service band plan would have still applied to our regulation by bandwidth proposal, if it had become an FCC Regulation. Only the portions of the HF band plan that would have been changed were listed in the ARRL petition to the FCC. This is standard procedure in an FCC filing. Many people still do not "get it".

I find it absolutely amazing that many people jump to conclusions before they do their own homework. This is true in many activities, including amateur radio. There have been, and apparently always will be, individuals who are gullible, biased, have an axe to grind, or are some combination of the three when it comes to discussing and considering amateur radio regulations. They are few in number, but there are a lot of others who are taken in by these people simply because they don't understand the situation and don't want to spend the effort to get the facts directly from the source.

I don't have a good answer to this situation other than to keep working to spread the truth. I apologize for my exasperation that shows through in this message.

ARRL Central Division Director: George Isely, W9GIG w9gig@arrl.org

One beautiful December evening Huan Cho and his girlfriend Jung Lee were sitting beside the ocean in Southern China. It was a romantic full moon, when Huan Cho said "Hey baby, let's play Weeweechu."

"Oh no, not now, let's look at the moon" said Jung Lee.

"Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I play Weeweechu. I love you and it's the perfect time," Huan Cho begged.

"But I rather just hold your hand and watch the moon." Then Jung Lee looked at Huan Cho's handsome face and strong body and her resistance melted, "OK, we'll play Weeweechu."

Huan Cho grabbed his guitar and they both sang.....

"Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!"

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

73 KEN K9EN

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

WB9FDZ (Original Club Call)
K9ODK (Robert L. Prine Memorial Call)
Club net: Sundays 8:00 p.m. on 147.315
Richard K. Plouffe, N9ROY, Secretary
P.O. Box 641, Lake Delton, WI 53940
YTARC Home Page: http://yellowthunder.org

Meeting Minutes October 2, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:30 by Tom, N9PQJ, Vice President.

Secretary Report:
No quorum at September meeting, therefore no official business was conducted.

Treasurers Report:
We have money!!!!

Old Business:
Swapfest income after all bills approximately $458.13. Income: 1553.15, expenses 1095.02. Motion to accept N9ROY, second by K9JYX. Motion passed.

Ideas for increasing meeting attendance:
1. Don talk on Road Races that the club used to help with using RTTY.
2. Finish setting up packet station.
3. Set up the Winlink 2000 setup we started.
4. Ask N9QIP to talk about building Towers or Wisconsin Interstate Network system.
5. Madison DX club giving a talk.

Zilch Report for Sept:
About 17 or 18 people at Farm Kitchen in Baraboo. Good Food, Great Conversation was had by all.

N9UDO arrived at 7:56pm and took over the meeting.

New Business:
Club board elections.
Nominating Committee had the following nominations.

President:
Steve Schulze, N9UDO

Vice President:
Tom Harrison, N9PQJ

Treasurer:
Don Evenson, K9JYX

Secretary:
Rick Plouffe, N9ROY

Motion by Bill, N9KXX to have the Secretary cast a unanimous vote for the board as nominated. Second by Chris, KC9IZG. Secretary cast ballot. Congratulations all for the new jobs.

Board will decide the member at large position at the next meeting.

Repeater controller is getting closer to reality. It was decided to use port #2 to link into the .310 repeater if we needed to. This would be for use in an emergency. Motion by N9PQJ, second by K9JYX. Motion passed.

We had quite a discussion on D-Star. One of the ideas was to turn the 315 repeater into a D-STAR repeater. Steve and Brad have received the coordination for 145.255 output, 144.655 input. This is quite close to the 310 repeater and might cause interference to it. They requested another pair, and basically were told tough. That's the reason for the discussion on other repeaters becoming D-STAR. Discussion tabled.

Check us out on the web at http://www.bsss.org

Christmas party discussion:
We need your party ideas by next meeting.

We wish to thank Bill, N9KXX for his years of service to the club as Treasurer. He has held the position for the last 11 years or so. He has done an excellent job. THANK YOU BILL!!!!!! Enjoy your retirement. We welcome Don, K9JYX who is taking his place.

Buck night winner was Bud, KC9ILP. He was NOT present, so the next draw will be for $2.00.

Motion by Steve, N9UDO, second by Chris, KC9IZG. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

In attendance:
Don, K9JYX
Bob, KC9LAT
Wayne, W9YYZ
Tom, N9PQJ
Chris, KC9IZG
Bill, KC9CVD
Bill, N9KXX
Brad, KB9VMC
Steve, N9UDO
Rick, N9ROY

Respectfully submitted:
Rick Plouffe, N9ROY, Secretary.

Meeting Minutes November 6, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:30 SHARP by Steve, N9UDO.

Treasurers report:
With no outstanding bills known, we have money in the account.

Secretary's Report:
Minutes were approved as read and printed.

Member-at-large was unanimously approved as being Dave, KB9CSW. Congrats Dave!!

Old business:
Repeater Controller: Steve says YES, It is still there.

D-STAR Repeater: Waiting on a few parts yet, hopefully by end of year.

Don, our treasurer, found 4 copies of the last edition of "Now Your Talking". A discussion ensued as to what to do with them. It was decided to donate them to the local libraries. They will be going to libraries in Baraboo, Sauk City, Portage and Reedsburg.

New Business:
Christmas Party: scheduled for either Dec 29, or Jan 12 depending on availability. Suggested locations included: Ho-Chunk, Farm Kitchen, Houlihans, Damons, Newport Steak House, Black Forest in Portage. Rick, N9ROY volunteered to do some checking.

The annual report for the Not-For-Profit status of the club needs to be sent in. Papers were signed by officers of club, and a check was cut for the $10.00 fee. Mailed out by Don, K9JYX.

Web Site: The renewal for our websites came due, and N9UDO paid them out of his pocket. Costs were: Hosting fee, 167.76 includes the yellowthunder.org domain. aresraces.net domain, $39.90. Total was 207.66 Also, the renewal for the repeaters came due and N9UDO paid those also. $20.00. Motion by Rick, N9ROY to reimburse Steve. Second by Dave, KB9CSW. Motion passed. K9JYX wrote a check to N9UDO for $227.66.

K9JYX motioned to adjourn, second by KB9CSW.

Attending:
KB9CSW
K9JYX
N9UDO
N9PQJ
N9ROY

Respectfully submitted:
Rick Plouffe, N9ROY Secretary

Don't forget our weekly net.

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Steve Schulze, N9UDO
President, Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc. - WB9FDZ

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e-mail ryatex@aol.com

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Sept., 2007. ORC outdoor swapfest. Fireman's Park, Cedarburg, WI. Contact: Tom Ruhlmann, W9IPR, (262) 377-6945 Admission is $5.00 at the gate. No tables to rent. Sell from the back of your vehicle. For current information go to: www.ozaukeeradioclub.org

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(414) 762-3235, Ask for Verne
P.O. Box 102 , South Milwaukee, WI 53172
e-mail: ryatex@aol.com

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